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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, POPS, JA

SUBJECT: PAMUNJOM INCIDENT

REF: STATE 206131

1. RADIO/TV GAVE SPOT COVERAGE TO INCIDENT LATE EVENING
AUGUST 18. ALL MORNING NEWSPAPERS IN TOKYO AUGUST 19
FRONT-PAGED GENERALLY FACTUAL REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON AND
SEOUL ON PANMUNJOM INCIDENT (SOME CONTAINED STORY ONE NORTH
KOREAN KILLED). AFTERNOON PRESS PUBLISHED STRAIGHT-
FORWARD ACCOUNTS OF US STATEMENT DEPLORING MURDERS
BUT PLACED THEM ON PAGE TWO OR FURTHER INSIDE PAPER.

2. FONOFF SOURCES SAY THAT VICE MINISTER SATO IS
OUT OF TOWN TODAY AND WILL NOT GIVE HIS USUAL
5 PM PRESS BRIEFING. FONOFF SPOKESMAN DEALING WITH
PRESS EARLIER IN DAY CONFINED HIMSELF TO STATEMENT
THAT GOJ FOLLOWING SITUATION CAREFULLY AND KEEPING
INCLOSE TOUCH WITH US EMBASSY.

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3. STORY BROKE TOO LATE TO PERMIT

PREPARATION OF EDITORIAL COMMENT TODAY. ONLY MEDIA
COMMENT WE AWARE OF SO FAR COMES FROM YOMIURI
TV NEWSCASTER, WHO DESCRIBED US STATEMENT AS
STRONGEST ON KOREA SINCE FORD BECAME PRESIDENT.
WE EXPECT MORE COMMENT TOMORROW, ESPECIALLY AFTER
MORE BECOMES KNOWN OF US REACTION.
SHOESMITH

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